

DRAFT NOTES
NCLIS CONFERENCE CALL
February 20, 1998
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

<i>Participants:</i>	Jeanne Simon, Chairperson Abe Abramson Rebecca Bingham (Commissioner-Designee) Joan Challinor Mary Furlong Martha Gould José-Marie Griffiths Bobby Roberts
<i>Unable to Participate:</i>	Walter Anderson LeVar Burton Diane Frankel Frank Lucchino Winston Tabb (for Dr. Billington) Joel Valdez
<i>Staff:</i>	Robert S. Willard, Acting Executive Director Judy Russell (NCLIS consultant) Barbara Whiteleather

Rebecca Bingham

The Members congratulated Commissioner-Designee Rebecca Bingham on her nomination to NCLIS. Mrs. Bingham replied that it is her honor to have been asked to join this 'pinnacle' group.

Public Library Association

The following Commissioners/staff will attend the Public Library Association (PLA) National Conference in Kansas City, March 10-14, 1998: Abe Abramson; Bobby Roberts; Robert Willard.

Mr. Willard reported that he is trying to arrange a dinner meeting during PLA for Richard Akeroyd, Gates Library Foundation (former COSLA liaison), Commissioners Abramson and Roberts, and himself.

Vice Chair Gould asked Mr. Willard to inform Mr. Akeroyd that she would like to meet with him in Seattle.

NCLIS/NMSB Joint Meeting

Commissioner Frankel has proposed the NCLIS/National Museum Services Board (NMSB) meet on Monday, September 28. NCLIS would hold its meeting the following day, Tuesday, September 29. Mr. Willard noted that Yom Kippur begins at sundown on September 29, posing potential problems for both Members and observers.

Mr. Willard will contact Commissioner Frankel's office to discuss changing the meeting date, possibly to the week of September 21.

Committee on Public Access to Government Information

The Committee on Public Access to Government Information will hold its first meeting in Washington, DC, March 9-10, 1998. The Committee will meet in the NCLIS office on Monday, March 9. On Tuesday, March 10, the Committee will hear updates from key players. Because of the number of participants on Tuesday, the briefing will be held in the Richard M. Neustadt Center for Communications in the Public Interest at the Benton Foundation, 1634 I St., NW. A copy of the agenda is attached (Attachment I).

As suggested by Commissioner Abramson, Mr. Willard will invite policy consultant Alan Inouye, Computer Science and Telecommunications Board, National Academy of Sciences, to attend on Tuesday. Mr. Inouye wrote the original Statement of Work for the study.

Committee member Griffiths offered to be available by telephone for portions of the meeting.

For the record, the study will be referred to as the "Depository Library Standards Study" and not "GPO study."

A full explanation of, and status report on, the study will be presented at the NCLIS April 7-8 meeting.

Judith Russell

With the Chairperson's approval, Mr. Willard hired Judith Russell as NCLIS consultant for approximately one month. Basically, Ms. Russell has two deliverables: (1) Prepare a personnel procedures manual to insure that NCLIS adheres to current Federal personnel laws and regulations; and (2) Perform an assessment of current information technology tools to use in NCLIS and provide recommendations for modernization.

Action Plan

At Mr. Willard's request, Dr. Ilona Holland, facilitator, will prepare (within 2-3 weeks) a detailed analysis of the discussions during the January NCLIS meeting. Further, Mr. Willard suggested that NCLIS meeting liaisons/observers have an opportunity to both review and comment on the analysis.

NCLIS/ALA Internet Study

Mr. Willard plans to contact Andrew Magpantay, American Library Association, to discuss moving forward on the next phase of the joint NCLIS/ALA Internet Study.

Vice Chair Gould urged that this study survey the 'human side' of the Internet issue, e.g., training of teachers. Commissioner-Designee Bingham agreed and expressed her opinion that there are serious gaps in Internet availability in school libraries.

Commissioner Abramson questioned the need to continue with additional Internet surveys. Chairperson Simon disagreed, stating, "I am reluctant to lose NCLIS' leadership role in this project. This is an important matter, and NCLIS is in a valuable partnership with ALA."

Library Statistics Program

Mr. Willard recommended that, as suggested by consultant Howard Harris, NCLIS needs to become a real partner in the Library Statistics Program. This is a topic for the April NCLIS meeting agenda.

Upcoming NCLIS Meetings

April 7-8, 1998

Meeting and logistical plans for the April NCLIS meeting in Kansas City, MO, are progressing.

Several Commissioners stressed the need to 'connect' with community leaders during NCLIS meetings, e.g., breakfast meetings, receptions, pre-conference interviews, appearances before Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis, etc.

Because of its importance, Chairperson Simon suggested that the tour of the Truman Library be part of the official meeting agenda.

June 25-26, 1998

The June NCLIS meeting is in conjunction with the American Library Association conference in Washington, DC. Appropriate White House activities which NCLIS could sponsor are currently being discussed. "For this meeting, I would like to show that NCLIS is here. When librarians come to their national convention in

Washington, DC, NCLIS makes them feel welcome and their presence is noted,” Mr. Willard stated. Arrangements for this meeting is considered a priority staff concern.

NCLIS Home Page

Commissioner Abramson reminded NCLIS staff to constantly update NCLIS’ home page, including contact persons and Commissioner biographies.

Personnel Committee

The staff disconnected for the Personnel Committee to discuss personnel matters at 12:00 noon.

Attachment

- I Agenda, March 10, 1998 -- Committee on Assessment of Government
 Electronic Information Products

March 17, 1998

ASSESSMENT OF GOVERNMENT ELECTRONIC INFORMATION PRODUCTS

Study Update -- Tuesday, March 10, 1998

New Location:

The Benton Foundation,
The Richard M. Neustadt Center for Communications in the Public Interest
1634 I Street, N.W., 11th Floor
(Metro Stop: Farragut West- Orange/Blue Line)
Washington, DC -- Telephone: 202-638-5770

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions	Bob Willard
9:15 - 10:00 a.m.	Study Update	Woody Horton & Contractor Rep.
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Superintendent of Documents Report	Francis Buckley
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Coffee	
10:45 - 11:15 a.m.	Inter-Association Working Group on Government Information Policy	Dan O'Mahoney
11:15 - 11:45 a.m.	Observations/Commentary	Eric Petersen
11:45 - 12:15 p.m.	Office of Management and Budget Report	Bruce McConnnell
12:15 - 12:30 p.m.	Wrap-Up	Bob Willard

Objectives of Meeting Statement

1. To strengthen the link between the study and the broader goal of improving public access to government information.
2. To afford key players an opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the study, and related matters they believe are germane to the topic.
3. To afford the NCLIS study consultant and the study contractor a first-hand opportunity to share the details of progress and problems in launching the study, and outline next steps.
4. To receive "public inputs" from outside groups.